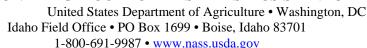


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Rains Slow Potato Harvest

Agricultural Summary

Mid-week rains and cooler weather in South Central and Eastern Idaho slowed potato harvest last week. Temperatures during the past week were well below normal. Statewide, major agricultural activities included seeding winter wheat and harvesting potatoes, dry beans, alfalfa hay, silage corn, and apples.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

In Caribou County, cattle have started to come off the range. Idaho range and pasture continues to be in mostly fair to good condition statewide.

Crop Progress									
Percentages	2006	2005	Average						
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	74	44	51						
Oats Harvested for Grain	97	88	89						
Potatoes – Vines Dying/ Killed	98	87	92						
Onions Harvested	59	45	59						
Dry Beans Harvested	77	53	74						
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting Harvested	75	52	52						

Field Crop Report

Potato harvest was halted in several areas due to the wet weather, and a few farmers are still waiting for fields to dry. A killing frost finished off the remaining potato vines in Eastern Idaho last week. Franklin County reports corn silage harvest is going well with excellent yields. In the Treasure Valley, fruit growers have nearly finished harvesting soft fruits and are now concentrating on picking apples and pears.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture improved from last week to 8 percent very short, 19 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Reports indicate a statewide average of 4.6 days were suitable for fieldwork last week, down from 6.2 days the week before.

Crop Condition										
Percentages	Very Poor	Very Poor Poor		Good	Excellent					
Potato	2	7	8	64	19					
Irr. Water Supply		2	10	53	35					
Range and Pasture	1	10	53	27	9					

Crop Progress by District															
Crop	North			Southwest			South Central			East			State		
	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	12	17	13	48	58	36	34	38	52	44	46	44	29	33	31
Emerged				4	20	8	7		11	10	8	12	5	4	6
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	63	87	72	30	20	29	8	11	13	18	19	22
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA			1	15	7	7	4	6	5	10	5	6
Alfalfa Hay															
3 rd Cutting Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	99	99	97	81	86	71	92	94	86

Avg (2001 – 2005); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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		Tempe	erature	2/	Growing	Degree D	ays 4/	Precipitation (Inches)					
Station	III: ala	т.	A	Dant 2/	40° Base	50° I	50° Base		D	Month of	Mar	ch 1	
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept 3/	40° Base	To Date	Normal	5/	Dept 3/	September	To Date	Normal	
North													
Coeur D' Alene	66	36	53	-3	3846	2165	1790	0.28	-0.10	0.28	3.59	13.21	
Grangeville	66	34	48	-7	3386	1826	1470	1.57	1.18	2.06	15.01	15.78	
Lewiston	76	42	58	-4	4916	3038	2638	0.65	0.46	0.67	7.35	7.24	
Sand Point	65	41			3480	1857	1441	0.53	0.16	0.53	11.44	14.64	
Southwest													
Boise	80	38	57	-4	5003	3190	2530	0.13	-0.04	0.14	6.45	5.97	
Caldwell	68	37			4762	2913	2788	0.00	-0.15	0.00	3.45	5.27	
Emmett	79	38	54	-6	4585	2801	2465	0.25	0.08	0.26	7.86	6.07	
Mountain Home	79	39	55	-6	4855	3142	2527	0.30	0.14	0.42	7.38	4.60	
Parma	72	35			4676	2871	2378	0.44	0.28	0.46	5.80	5.41	
Weiser	74	41			5055	3221	2479	0.08	-0.04	0.16	6.61	5.29	
South Central													
Buhl					3889	2219	2093						
Burley	73	30	50	-8	3812	2174	2071	0.35	0.20	0.51	6.04	5.45	
Hill City					2814	1411	1253						
Hagerman					4916	3128	2613						
Malta					3943	2272	1813	0.00	-0.17	0.00	4.87	6.21	
Twin Falls	72	31	51	-6	4140	2487	1828	0.25	0.09	0.27	6.65	5.60	
East													
Aberdeen	68	28			3571	2023	1596						
Grace					3359	1844	1429						
Idaho Falls	71	28	46	-9	3408	1860	1662	1.05	0.86	1.89	8.63	6.60	
Malad City					3680	2089	1813						
Pocatello	74	28	48	-9	3791	2184	1912	0.68	0.47	1.43	7.10	7.03	
Rexburg	69	29	46	-8	3445	1923	1549	1.03	0.81	2.13	8.95	8.07	
Salmon	70	30											

^{1/} Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center, the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received; no estimates were made for missing data.